

**CENTRAL DISTRICT
CRIME STATISTICS
2003/2004**



**A Summary of
Recorded and Resolved Offence
Statistics**

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REPORT NOTES:

An incident that is reported to or discovered by Police where Police believe an offence is likely to have been committed is counted as a Recorded Offence.

A Recorded Offence is considered to be a Resolved Offence by Police when an offender is identified and dealt with. (E.g. warned, cautioned, prosecuted, etc.)

Resolution Rate is the percentage of Recorded Offences that are resolved.

Statistics reported in this document are derived from the Justice sector Law Enforcement System (L.E.S.). These Official Crime Statistics present a snapshot of data in L.E.S. relating to offences within a given year, as at the date 14 days following the end of that year.

If an offence is recorded or resolved 15 days or more after the end of the year it will not appear in the Official Crime Statistics for that or any other year. Resolution Rate, in particular, therefore undercounts the number of cases that Police have resolved. This phenomenon has a more marked impact for some types of offences than others, such as offences that require long investigations (E.g. many serial crimes, burglaries and murders).

Significant changes to use of Police offence codes in 2003/2004 include:

A new offence class - 'Drugs (new drugs)' as part of the 'Drugs and Antisocial' offence category. This class has been introduced to specifically capture offences under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 where the drugs involved are Methamphetamine, Amphetamine, Ecstasy, and Fantasy type substances. Previously, such offences were recorded within the offence class - 'Drugs (not cannabis)'.

A new offence code within the offence class - 'Sale of Liquor Act 1989' has been created to specifically capture breach of liquor ban offences. Previously, these were captured within the more general offence class - 'ByLaw Breaches'.

The Crimes Amendment Act 2003 broadened the scope of offences that are classified as 'Burglary' in Police statistics and created additional offences.

A new offence class - 'Dishonesty Miscellaneous' has been created to capture new types of offences, such as computer offences covered by sections 249 - 252 of the Crimes Act.

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME, BY CATEGORY

Years ending 30 June

Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded 20012002	Recorded 20022003	Recorded 20032004	Variance 01/02-02/03	Variance 02/03-03/04	Resolved 20012002	Resolved 20022003	Resolved 20032004	Percent Resolved 20012002	Percent Resolved 20022003	Percent Resolved 20032004
VIOLENCE	GRIEVOUS ASSAULTS	216	263	230	21.8 %	-12.5 %	178	240	211	82.4 %	91.3 %	91.7 %
	GROUP ASSEMBLIES	27	40	20	48.1 %	-50.0 %	22	33	17	81.5 %	82.5 %	85.0 %
	HOMICIDE	9	16	11	77.8 %	-31.3 %	5	12	10	55.6 %	75.0 %	90.9 %
	INTIMIDATION/THREATS	828	935	797	12.9 %	-14.8 %	730	837	733	88.2 %	89.5 %	92.0 %
	KIDNAPPING AND ABDUCTION	11	21	9	90.9 %	-57.1 %	9	19	8	81.8 %	90.5 %	88.9 %
	MINOR ASSAULTS	1,219	1,213	1,084	-0.5 %	-10.6 %	1,021	1,075	985	83.8 %	88.6 %	90.9 %
	ROBBERY	109	85	83	-22.0 %	-2.4 %	39	30	41	35.8 %	35.3 %	49.4 %
	SERIOUS ASSAULTS	1,287	1,361	1,488	5.7 %	9.3 %	1,086	1,211	1,354	84.4 %	89.0 %	91.0 %
Total:		3,706	3,934	3,722	6.2 %	-5.4 %	3,090	3,457	3,359	83.4 %	87.9 %	90.2 %

Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded 20012002	Recorded 20022003	Recorded 20032004	Variance 01/02-02/03	Variance 02/03-03/04	Resolved 20012002	Resolved 20022003	Resolved 20032004	Percent Resolved 20012002	Percent Resolved 20022003	Percent Resolved 20032004
SEXUAL OFFENCES	ABNORMAL SEX	2		3	-100.0 %		1		2	50.0 %		66.7 %
	IMMORAL BEHAVIOUR	41	33	34	-19.5 %	3.0 %	28	24	24	68.3 %	72.7 %	70.6 %
	IMMORAL BEHAVIOUR/MISCELLANEOUS	1	4	5	300.0 %	25.0 %	0	2	1	0.0 %	50.0 %	20.0 %
	SEXUAL AFFRONTS	20	33	31	65.0 %	-6.1 %	13	21	22	65.0 %	63.6 %	71.0 %
	SEXUAL ATTACKS	186	256	190	37.6 %	-25.8 %	111	151	125	59.7 %	59.0 %	65.8 %
Total:		250	326	263	30.4 %	-19.3 %	153	198	174	61.2 %	60.7 %	66.2 %

Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded 20012002	Recorded 20022003	Recorded 20032004	Variance 01/02-02/03	Variance 02/03-03/04	Resolved 20012002	Resolved 20022003	Resolved 20032004	Percent Resolved 20012002	Percent Resolved 20022003	Percent Resolved 20032004
DRUGS AND ANTI SOCIAL OFFEN	DISORDER	1,682	1,694	1,561	0.7 %	-7.9 %	1,606	1,634	1,507	95.5 %	96.5 %	96.5 %
	DRUGS(CANNABIS ONLY)	1,892	1,722	1,345	-9.0 %	-21.9 %	1,796	1,625	1,306	94.9 %	94.4 %	97.1 %
	DRUGS (NEW DRUGS)			85					82			96.5 %
	DRUGS (NOT CANNABIS)	142	194	100	36.6 %		134	188	98	94.4 %	96.9 %	98.0 %
	FAMILY OFFENCES	34	72	44	111.8 %	-38.9 %	28	30	37	82.4 %	41.7 %	84.1 %
	FAMILY OFFENCES CONTINUED	445	422	453	-5.2 %	7.3 %	384	393	427	86.3 %	93.1 %	94.3 %
	GAMING	1	2		100.0 %	-100.0 %	0	1		0.0 %	50.0 %	
	SALE OF LIQUOR ACT 1989	100	338	247	238.0 %	-26.9 %	91	332	243	91.0 %	98.2 %	98.4 %
	VAGRANCY OFFENCES	10	16	10	60.0 %	-37.5 %	8	16	10	80.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Total:		4,306	4,460	3,845	3.6 %	-13.8 %	4,047	4,219	3,710	94.0 %	94.6 %	96.5 %

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME, BY CATEGORY

Years ending 30 June

Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded 20012002	Recorded 20022003	Recorded 20032004	Variance 01/02-02/03	Variance 02/03-03/04	Resolved 20012002	Resolved 20022003	Resolved 20032004	Percent Resolved 20012002	Percent Resolved 20022003	Percent Resolved 20032004
DISHONESTY	BURGLARY	4,815	4,715	4,747	-2.1 %	0.7 %	1,012	1,099	1,065	21.0 %	23.3 %	22.4 %
	CAR CONVERSION ETC	3,036	3,147	2,458	3.7 %	-21.9 %	620	663	542	20.4 %	21.1 %	22.1 %
	DISHONESTY MISCELLANEOUS			23					17			73.9 %
	FRAUD	1,348	1,134	845	-15.9 %	-25.5 %	909	790	565	67.4 %	69.7 %	66.9 %
	RECEIVING	244	249	204	2.0 %	-18.1 %	240	247	203	98.4 %	99.2 %	99.5 %
	THEFT	10,921	10,953	9,012	0.3 %	-17.7 %	2,753	2,903	2,557	25.2 %	26.5 %	28.4 %
Total:		20,364	20,198	17,289	-0.8 %	-14.4 %	5,534	5,702	4,949	27.2 %	28.2 %	28.6 %

Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded 20012002	Recorded 20022003	Recorded 20032004	Variance 01/02-02/03	Variance 02/03-03/04	Resolved 20012002	Resolved 20022003	Resolved 20032004	Percent Resolved 20012002	Percent Resolved 20022003	Percent Resolved 20032004
PROPERTY DAMAGE	DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY	3,977	4,062	3,905	2.1 %	-3.9 %	1,157	1,329	1,206	29.1 %	32.7 %	30.9 %
	ENDANGERING	24	19	14	-20.8 %	-26.3 %	19	18	10	79.2 %	94.7 %	71.4 %
Total:		4,001	4,081	3,919	2.0 %	-4.0 %	1,176	1,347	1,216	29.4 %	33.0 %	31.0 %

Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded 20012002	Recorded 20022003	Recorded 20032004	Variance 01/02-02/03	Variance 02/03-03/04	Resolved 20012002	Resolved 20022003	Resolved 20032004	Percent Resolved 20012002	Percent Resolved 20022003	Percent Resolved 20032004
PROPERTY ABUSES	ANIMALS	33	31	25	-6.1 %	-19.4 %	16	20	11	48.5 %	64.5 %	44.0 %
	ARMS ACT OFFENCES	256	242	216	-5.5 %	-10.7 %	224	207	185	87.5 %	85.5 %	85.6 %
	LITTERING	32	24	14	-25.0 %	-41.7 %	30	22	11	93.8 %	91.7 %	78.6 %
	POSTAL/RAIL/FIRE SERVICE ABUSES	451	384	345	-14.9 %	-10.2 %	267	270	254	59.2 %	70.3 %	73.6 %
	TRESPASS	962	968	690	0.6 %	-28.7 %	739	805	585	76.8 %	83.2 %	84.8 %
Total:		1,734	1,649	1,290	-4.9 %	-21.8 %	1,276	1,324	1,046	73.6 %	80.3 %	81.1 %

Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded 20012002	Recorded 20022003	Recorded 20032004	Variance 01/02-02/03	Variance 02/03-03/04	Resolved 20012002	Resolved 20022003	Resolved 20032004	Percent Resolved 20012002	Percent Resolved 20022003	Percent Resolved 20032004
ADMINISTRATIVE	AGAINST JUSTICE	787	785	649	-0.3 %	-17.3 %	638	702	584	81.1 %	89.4 %	90.0 %
	AGAINST NATIONAL INTEREST	3	2	1	-33.3 %	-50.0 %	2	1	1	66.7 %	50.0 %	100.0 %
	BIRTHS/DEATHS AND MARRIAGES	14			-100.0 %		14			100.0 %		
	BY - LAWS BREACHES	34	102	135	200.0 %	32.4 %	25	97	130	73.5 %	95.1 %	96.3 %
	IMMIGRATION		1	1		0.0 %		1	1		100.0 %	100.0 %
	RACIAL		1			-100.0 %		1			100.0 %	
Total:		838	891	786	6.3 %	-11.8 %	679	802	716	81.0 %	90.0 %	91.1 %

TOTAL		35,199	35,539	31,114	1.0 %	-12.5 %	15,955	17,049	15,170	45.3 %	48.0 %	48.8 %
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DISTRICT RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION, BY AREA
Years ending 30 June

Area Description	Recorded per 10,000 pop 20012002	Recorded per 10,000 pop 20022003	Recorded per 10,000 pop 20032004	Percent Variance 01/02 to 02/03	Percent Variance 02/03 to 03/04
New Plymouth	966.0	1,081.1	884.7	11.9 %	-18.2 %
Palmerston North City	1,327.8	1,323.4	1,216.5	-0.3 %	-8.1 %
Palmerston North Rural	792.2	797.8	735.2	0.7 %	-7.8 %
Ruapehu	1,107.5	1,123.1	840.3	1.4 %	-25.2 %
Taranaki Rural	897.4	848.0	773.6	-5.5 %	-8.8 %
Wanganui	1,128.8	1,049.1	854.5	-7.1 %	-18.6 %
TOTAL	1,034.4	1,042.2	909.3	0.8 %	-12.8 %

DISTRICT RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION, BY CATEGORIES
Years ending 30 June

Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded per 10,000 pop 20012002	Recorded per 10,000 pop 20022003	Recorded per 10,000 pop 20032004
VIOLENCE	GRIEVOUS ASSAULTS	6.3	7.7	6.7
	GROUP ASSEMBLIES	0.8	1.2	0.6
	HOMICIDE	0.3	0.5	0.3
	INTIMIDATION/THREATS	24.3	27.4	23.3
	KIDNAPPING AND ABDUCTION	0.3	0.6	0.3
	MINOR ASSAULTS	35.8	35.6	31.7
	ROBBERY	3.2	2.5	2.4
	SERIOUS ASSAULTS	37.8	39.9	43.5
VIOLENCE		108.9	115.4	108.8

Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded per 10,000 pop 20012002	Recorded per 10,000 pop 20022003	Recorded per 10,000 pop 20032004
SEXUAL OFFENCES	ABNORMAL SEX	0.1		0.1
	IMMORAL BEHAVIOUR	1.2	1.0	1.0
	IMMORAL BEHAVIOUR/MISCELLANEOUS	0.0	0.1	0.1
	SEXUAL AFFRONTS	0.6	1.0	0.9
	SEXUAL ATTACKS	5.5	7.5	5.6
SEXUAL OFFENCES		7.3	9.6	7.7

Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded per 10,000 pop 20012002	Recorded per 10,000 pop 20022003	Recorded per 10,000 pop 20032004
DRUGS AND ANTI SOCIAL OFFENCES	DISORDER	49.4	49.7	45.6
	DRUGS(CANNABIS ONLY)	55.6	50.5	39.3
	DRUGS (NEW DRUGS)			2.5
	DRUGS (NOT CANNABIS)	4.2	5.7	2.9
	FAMILY OFFENCES	1.0	2.1	1.3
	FAMILY OFFENCES CONTINUED	13.1	12.4	13.2
	GAMING	0.0	0.1	
	SALE OF LIQUOR ACT 1989	2.9	9.9	7.2
	VAGRANCY OFFENCES	0.3	0.5	0.3
DRUGS AND ANTI SOCIAL OFFENCES		126.5	130.8	112.4

DISTRICT RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION, BY CATEGORIES
Years ending 30 June

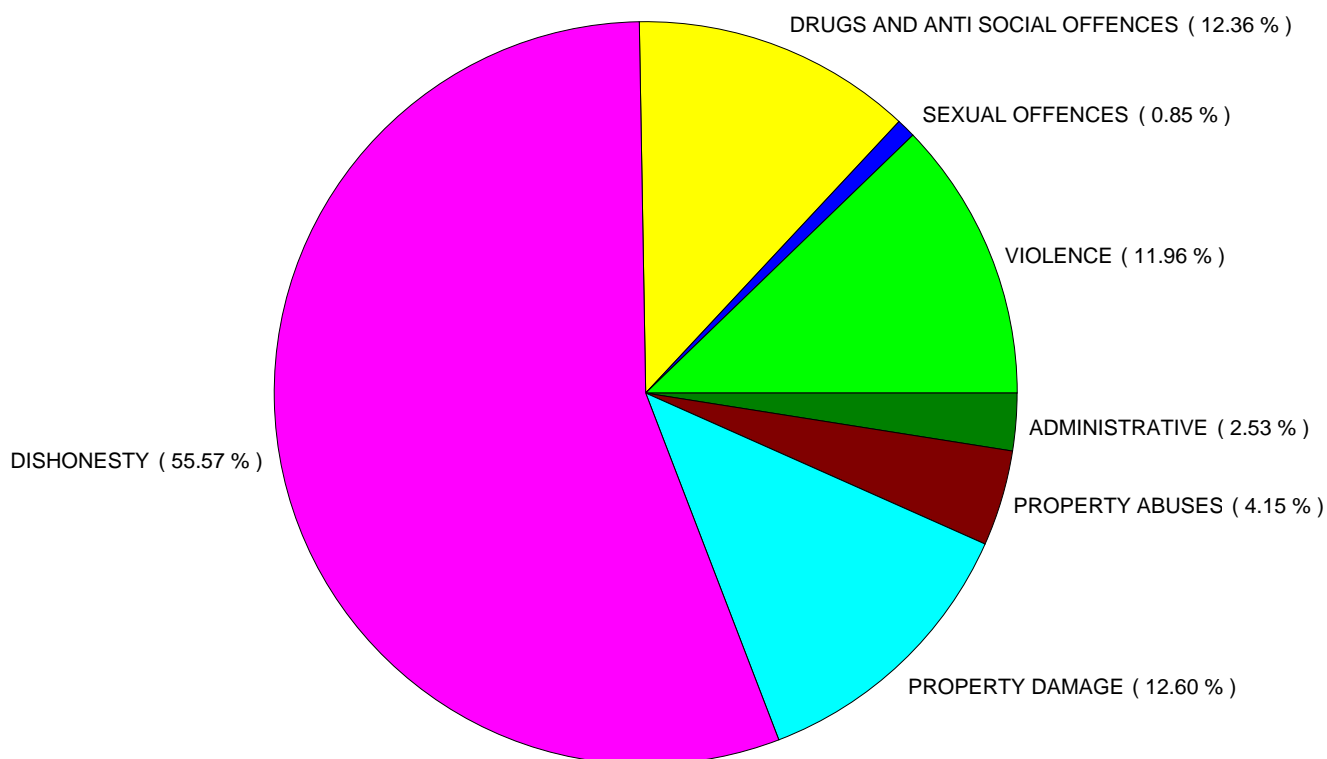
Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded per 10,000 pop 20012002	Recorded per 10,000 pop 20022003	Recorded per 10,000 pop 20032004
DISHONESTY	BURGLARY	141.5	138.3	138.7
	CAR CONVERSION ETC	89.2	92.3	71.8
	DISHONESTY MISCELLANEOUS			0.7
	FRAUD	39.6	33.3	24.7
	RECEIVING	7.2	7.3	6.0
	THEFT	320.9	321.2	263.4
DISHONESTY		598.4	592.3	505.3
Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded per 10,000 pop 20012002	Recorded per 10,000 pop 20022003	Recorded per 10,000 pop 20032004
PROPERTY DAMAGE	DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY	116.9	119.1	114.1
	ENDANGERING	0.7	0.6	0.4
PROPERTY DAMAGE		117.6	119.7	114.5
Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded per 10,000 pop 20012002	Recorded per 10,000 pop 20022003	Recorded per 10,000 pop 20032004
PROPERTY ABUSES	ANIMALS	1.0	0.9	0.7
	ARMS ACT OFFENCES	7.5	7.1	6.3
	LITTERING	0.9	0.7	0.4
	POSTAL/RAIL/FIRE SERVICE ABUSES	13.3	11.3	10.1
	TRESPASS	28.3	28.4	20.2
PROPERTY ABUSES		51.0	48.4	37.7
Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded per 10,000 pop 20012002	Recorded per 10,000 pop 20022003	Recorded per 10,000 pop 20032004
ADMINISTRATIVE	AGAINST JUSTICE	23.1	23.0	19.0
	AGAINST NATIONAL INTEREST	0.1	0.1	0.0
	BIRTHS/DEATHS AND MARRIAGES	0.4		
	BY - LAWS BREACHES	1.0	3.0	3.9
	IMMIGRATION		0.0	0.0
	RACIAL		0.0	
ADMINISTRATIVE		24.6	26.1	23.0
TOTAL		1,034.4	1,042.2	909.3

PROPORTION OF RECORDED CRIME BY CATEGORIES

Years ending 30 June

Offence Category	Proportions Recorded 2001/2002	Recorded 2001/2002	Proportions Recorded 2002/2003	Recorded 2002/2003	Proportions Recorded 2003/2004	Recorded 2003/2004
VIOLENCE	10.5 %	3,706	11.1 %	3,934	12.0 %	3,722
SEXUAL OFFENCES	0.7 %	250	0.9 %	326	0.8 %	263
DRUGS AND ANTI SOCIAL OFFENCES	12.2 %	4,306	12.5 %	4,460	12.4 %	3,845
DISHONESTY	57.9 %	20,364	56.8 %	20,198	55.6 %	17,289
PROPERTY DAMAGE	11.4 %	4,001	11.5 %	4,081	12.6 %	3,919
PROPERTY ABUSES	4.9 %	1,734	4.6 %	1,649	4.1 %	1,290
ADMINISTRATIVE	2.4 %	838	2.5 %	891	2.5 %	786
Total:	100.0 %	35,199	100.0 %	35,539	100.0 %	31,114

TOTAL DISTRICT CRIME BY CATEGORY FOR 2003/2004 (ending 30 June)



SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME, BY AREA
years ending 30 June

Area Description	Recorded 20012002	Recorded 20022003	Variance 01/02- 02/03	Recorded 20032004	Variance 02/03- 03/04	Resolved 20012002	Percent Resolved 20012002	Resolved 20022003	Percent Resolved 20022003	Resolved 20032004	Percent Resolved 20032004
New Plymouth	6,654	7,500	12.7 %	6,192	-17.4 %	3,515	52.8 %	4,183	55.8 %	3,466	56.0 %
Palmerston North City	10,512	10,663	1.4 %	9,967	-6.5 %	3,747	35.6 %	4,059	38.1 %	4,065	40.8 %
Palmerston North Rural	6,626	6,677	0.8 %	6,144	-8.0 %	3,140	47.4 %	3,432	51.4 %	2,960	48.2 %
Ruapehu	2,029	2,002	-1.3 %	1,468	-26.7 %	950	46.8 %	1,027	51.3 %	736	50.1 %
Taranaki Rural	3,150	2,931	-7.0 %	2,665	-9.1 %	1,670	53.0 %	1,696	57.9 %	1,571	58.9 %
Wanganui	6,228	5,766	-7.4 %	4,678	-18.9 %	2,933	47.1 %	2,652	46.0 %	2,372	50.7 %
Total:	35,199	35,539	1.0 %	31,114	-12.5 %	15,955	45.3 %	17,049	48.0 %	15,170	48.8 %

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME CATEGORIES, BY AREA

years ending 30 June

VIOLENCE

Area Description	Recorded 20012002	Recorded 20022003	Variance 01/02- 02/03	Recorded 20032004	Variance 02/03- 03/04	Resolved 20012002	Percent Resolved 20012002	Resolved 20022003	Percent Resolved 20022003	Resolved 20032004	Percent Resolved 20032004
New Plymouth	818	921	12.6 %	826	-10.3 %	662	80.9 %	791	85.9 %	745	90.2 %
Palmerston North City	853	869	1.9 %	831	-4.4 %	640	75.0 %	722	83.1 %	729	87.7 %
Palmerston North Rural	759	780	2.8 %	790	1.3 %	667	87.9 %	708	90.8 %	712	90.1 %
Ruapehu	228	233	2.2 %	198	-15.0 %	194	85.1 %	213	91.4 %	183	92.4 %
Taranaki Rural	371	390	5.1 %	429	10.0 %	326	87.9 %	348	89.2 %	396	92.3 %
Wanganui	677	741	9.5 %	648	-12.6 %	601	88.8 %	675	91.1 %	594	91.7 %
Total:	3,706	3,934	6.2 %	3,722	-5.4 %	3,090	83.4 %	3,457	87.9 %	3,359	90.2 %

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME CATEGORIES, BY AREA

years ending 30 June

SEXUAL OFFENCES

Area Description	Recorded 20012002	Recorded 20022003	Variance 01/02- 02/03	Recorded 20032004	Variance 02/03- 03/04	Resolved 20012002	Percent Resolved 20012002	Resolved 20022003	Percent Resolved 20022003	Resolved 20032004	Percent Resolved 20032004
New Plymouth	52	110	111.5 %	52	-52.7 %	31	59.6 %	56	50.9 %	30	57.7 %
Palmerston North City	60	75	25.0 %	64	-14.7 %	33	55.0 %	38	50.7 %	42	65.6 %
Palmerston North Rural	42	40	-4.8 %	62	55.0 %	30	71.4 %	25	62.5 %	40	64.5 %
Ruapehu	14	14	0.0 %	14	0.0 %	7	50.0 %	10	71.4 %	10	71.4 %
Taranaki Rural	39	48	23.1 %	33	-31.3 %	26	66.7 %	39	81.3 %	25	75.8 %
Wanganui	43	39	-9.3 %	38	-2.6 %	26	60.5 %	30	76.9 %	27	71.1 %
Total:	250	326	30.4 %	263	-19.3 %	153	61.2 %	198	60.7 %	174	66.2 %

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME CATEGORIES, BY AREA

years ending 30 June

DRUGS AND ANTI SOCIAL OFFENCES

Area Description	Recorded 20012002	Recorded 20022003	Variance 01/02- 02/03	Recorded 20032004	Variance 02/03- 03/04	Resolved 20012002	Percent Resolved 20012002	Resolved 20022003	Percent Resolved 20022003	Resolved 20032004	Percent Resolved 20032004
New Plymouth	1,110	1,427	28.6 %	1,108	-22.4 %	1,044	94.1 %	1,364	95.6 %	1,071	96.7 %
Palmerston North City	997	1,003	0.6 %	976	-2.7 %	921	92.4 %	955	95.2 %	944	96.7 %
Palmerston North Rural	764	763	-0.1 %	618	-19.0 %	715	93.6 %	722	94.6 %	590	95.5 %
Ruapehu	246	274	11.4 %	163	-40.5 %	231	93.9 %	235	85.8 %	154	94.5 %
Taranaki Rural	416	468	12.5 %	473	1.1 %	393	94.5 %	444	94.9 %	461	97.5 %
Wanganui	773	525	-32.1 %	507	-3.4 %	743	96.1 %	499	95.0 %	490	96.6 %
Total:	4,306	4,460	3.6 %	3,845	-13.8 %	4,047	94.0 %	4,219	94.6 %	3,710	96.5 %

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME CATEGORIES, BY AREA

years ending 30 June

DISHONESTY

Area Description	Recorded 20012002	Recorded 20022003	Variance 01/02- 02/03	Recorded 20032004	Variance 02/03- 03/04	Resolved 20012002	Percent Resolved 20012002	Resolved 20022003	Percent Resolved 20022003	Resolved 20032004	Percent Resolved 20032004
New Plymouth	3,351	3,499	4.4 %	3,009	-14.0 %	1,181	35.2 %	1,095	31.3 %	1,014	33.7 %
Palmerston North City	6,987	7,227	3.4 %	6,487	-10.2 %	1,440	20.6 %	1,657	22.9 %	1,584	24.4 %
Palmerston North Rural	3,673	3,628	-1.2 %	3,364	-7.3 %	1,067	29.0 %	1,203	33.2 %	985	29.3 %
Ruapehu	1,103	1,081	-2.0 %	776	-28.2 %	281	25.5 %	355	32.8 %	210	27.1 %
Taranaki Rural	1,590	1,309	-17.7 %	1,090	-16.7 %	543	34.2 %	472	36.1 %	343	31.5 %
Wanganui	3,660	3,454	-5.6 %	2,563	-25.8 %	1,022	27.9 %	920	26.6 %	813	31.7 %
Total:	20,364	20,198	-0.8 %	17,289	-14.4 %	5,534	27.2 %	5,702	28.2 %	4,949	28.6 %

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME CATEGORIES, BY AREA

years ending 30 June

PROPERTY DAMAGE

Area Description	Recorded 20012002	Recorded 20022003	Variance 01/02- 02/03	Recorded 20032004	Variance 02/03- 03/04	Resolved 20012002	Percent Resolved 20012002	Resolved 20022003	Percent Resolved 20022003	Resolved 20032004	Percent Resolved 20032004
New Plymouth	806	914	13.4 %	815	-10.8 %	232	28.8 %	332	36.3 %	284	34.8 %
Palmerston North City	959	920	-4.1 %	1,023	11.2 %	244	25.4 %	232	25.2 %	258	25.2 %
Palmerston North Rural	922	954	3.5 %	884	-7.3 %	280	30.4 %	333	34.9 %	287	32.5 %
Ruapehu	224	209	-6.7 %	183	-12.4 %	75	33.5 %	73	34.9 %	60	32.8 %
Taranaki Rural	403	413	2.5 %	390	-5.6 %	113	28.0 %	137	33.2 %	132	33.8 %
Wanganui	687	671	-2.3 %	624	-7.0 %	232	33.8 %	240	35.8 %	195	31.3 %
Total:	4,001	4,081	2.0 %	3,919	-4.0 %	1,176	29.4 %	1,347	33.0 %	1,216	31.0 %

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME CATEGORIES, BY AREA

years ending 30 June

PROPERTY ABUSES

Area Description	Recorded 20012002	Recorded 20022003	Variance 01/02- 02/03	Recorded 20032004	Variance 02/03- 03/04	Resolved 20012002	Percent Resolved 20012002	Resolved 20022003	Percent Resolved 20022003	Resolved 20032004	Percent Resolved 20032004
New Plymouth	336	422	25.6 %	281	-33.4 %	219	65.2 %	346	82.0 %	229	81.5 %
Palmerston North City	404	353	-12.6 %	317	-10.2 %	279	69.1 %	285	80.7 %	264	83.3 %
Palmerston North Rural	370	344	-7.0 %	267	-22.4 %	290	78.4 %	278	80.8 %	200	74.9 %
Ruapehu	153	138	-9.8 %	95	-31.2 %	115	75.2 %	94	68.1 %	81	85.3 %
Taranaki Rural	150	145	-3.3 %	102	-29.7 %	124	82.7 %	119	82.1 %	84	82.4 %
Wanganui	321	247	-23.1 %	228	-7.7 %	249	77.6 %	202	81.8 %	188	82.5 %
Total:	1,734	1,649	-4.9 %	1,290	-21.8 %	1,276	73.6 %	1,324	80.3 %	1,046	81.1 %

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME CATEGORIES, BY AREA

years ending 30 June

ADMINISTRATIVE

Area Description	Recorded 20012002	Recorded 20022003	Variance 01/02- 02/03	Recorded 20032004	Variance 02/03- 03/04	Resolved 20012002	Percent Resolved 20012002	Resolved 20022003	Percent Resolved 20022003	Resolved 20032004	Percent Resolved 20032004
New Plymouth	181	207	14.4 %	101	-51.2 %	146	80.7 %	199	96.1 %	93	92.1 %
Palmerston North City	252	216	-14.3 %	269	24.5 %	190	75.4 %	170	78.7 %	244	90.7 %
Palmerston North Rural	96	168	75.0 %	159	-5.4 %	91	94.8 %	163	97.0 %	146	91.8 %
Ruapehu	61	53	-13.1 %	39	-26.4 %	47	77.0 %	47	88.7 %	38	97.4 %
Taranaki Rural	181	158	-12.7 %	148	-6.3 %	145	80.1 %	137	86.7 %	130	87.8 %
Wanganui	67	89	32.8 %	70	-21.3 %	60	89.6 %	86	96.6 %	65	92.9 %
Total:	838	891	6.3 %	786	-11.8 %	679	81.0 %	802	90.0 %	716	91.1 %

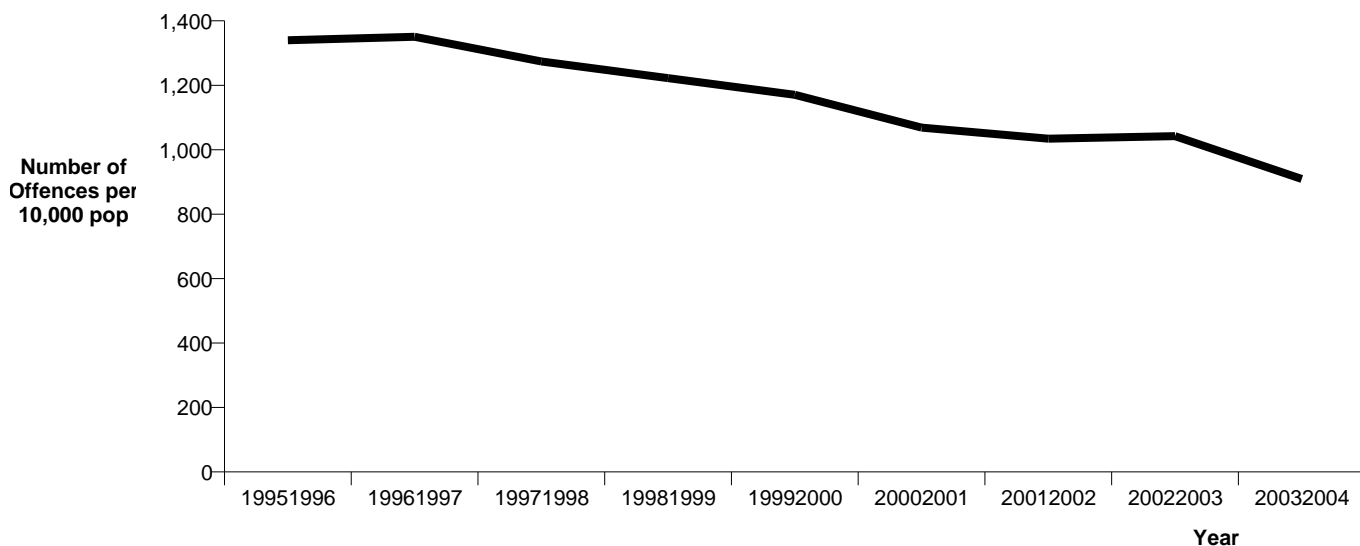
RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION AND RESOLUTION RATES

Years ending 30 June

TOTAL CRIME

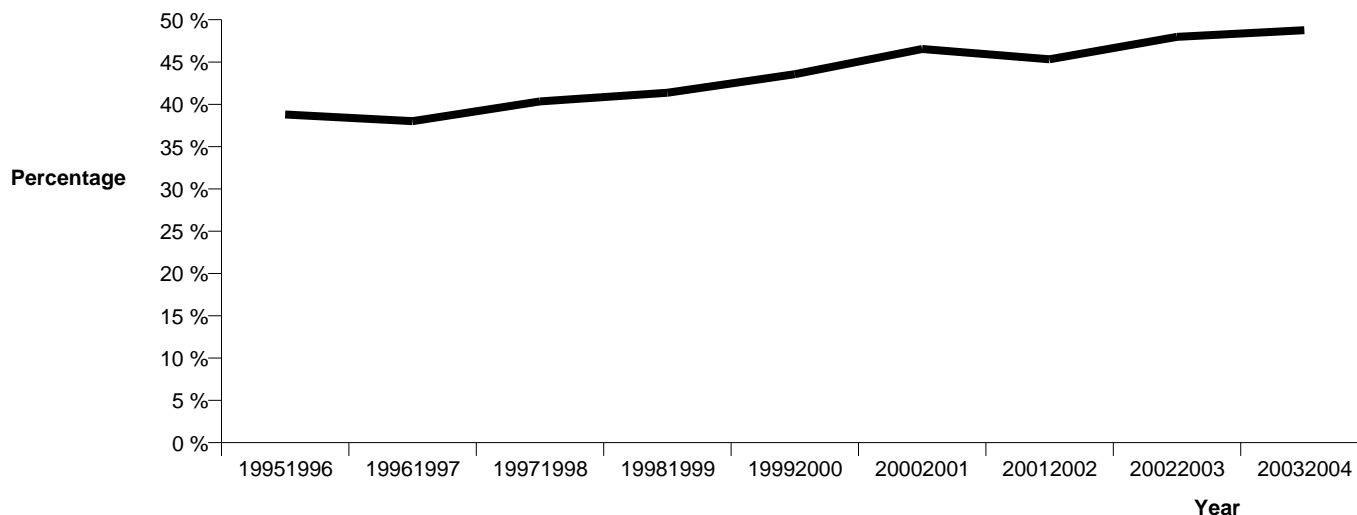
FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL RECORDED OFFENCES	VARIATION	RECORDED OFFENCES PER 10,000 POPULATION	VARIATION PER 10,000 POPULATION	TOTAL RESOLVED OFFENCES	RESOLUTION RATE	VARIATION
19951996	47,212	-	1,339.8	-	18,314	38.8 %	-
19961997	47,459	0.5 %	1,350.7	0.8 %	18,041	38.0 %	-0.8 %
19971998	44,637	-5.9 %	1,274.1	-5.7 %	18,007	40.3 %	2.3 %
19981999	42,558	-4.7 %	1,222.2	-4.1 %	17,602	41.4 %	1.0 %
19992000	40,485	-4.9 %	1,170.3	-4.2 %	17,633	43.6 %	2.2 %
20002001	36,772	-9.2 %	1,068.5	-8.7 %	17,115	46.5 %	3.0 %
20012002	35,199	-4.3 %	1,034.4	-3.2 %	15,955	45.3 %	-1.2 %
20022003	35,539	1.0 %	1,042.2	0.8 %	17,049	48.0 %	2.6 %
20032004	31,114	-12.5 %	909.3	-12.8 %	15,170	48.8 %	0.8 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)

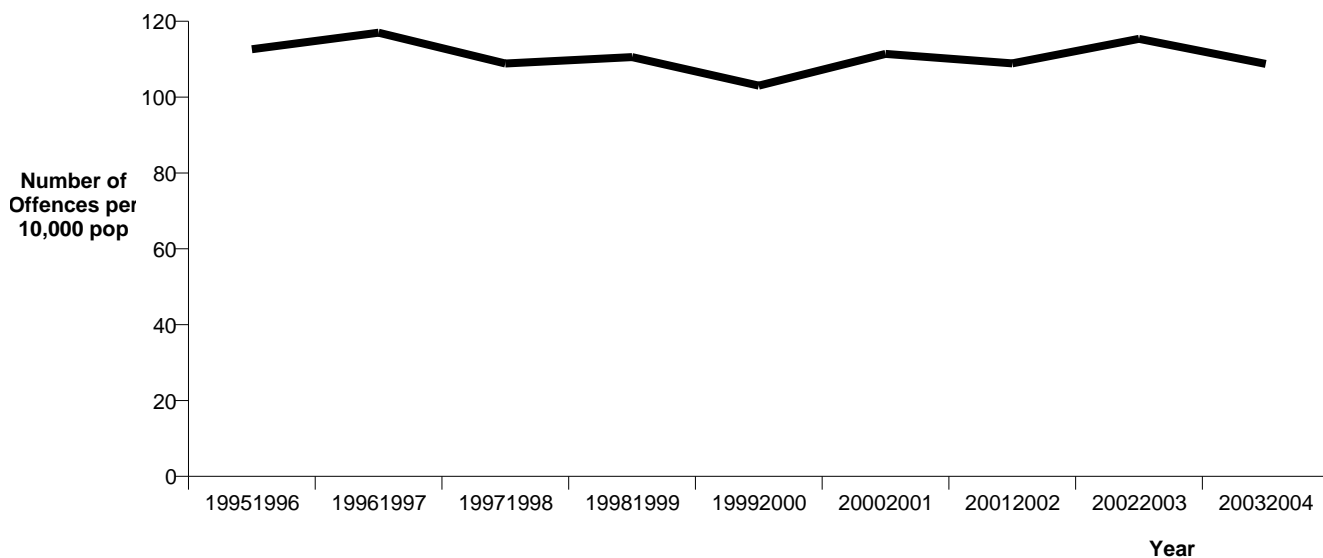


**RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION AND RESOLUTION RATES,
BY CATEGORY
Years ending 30 June**

VIOLENCE

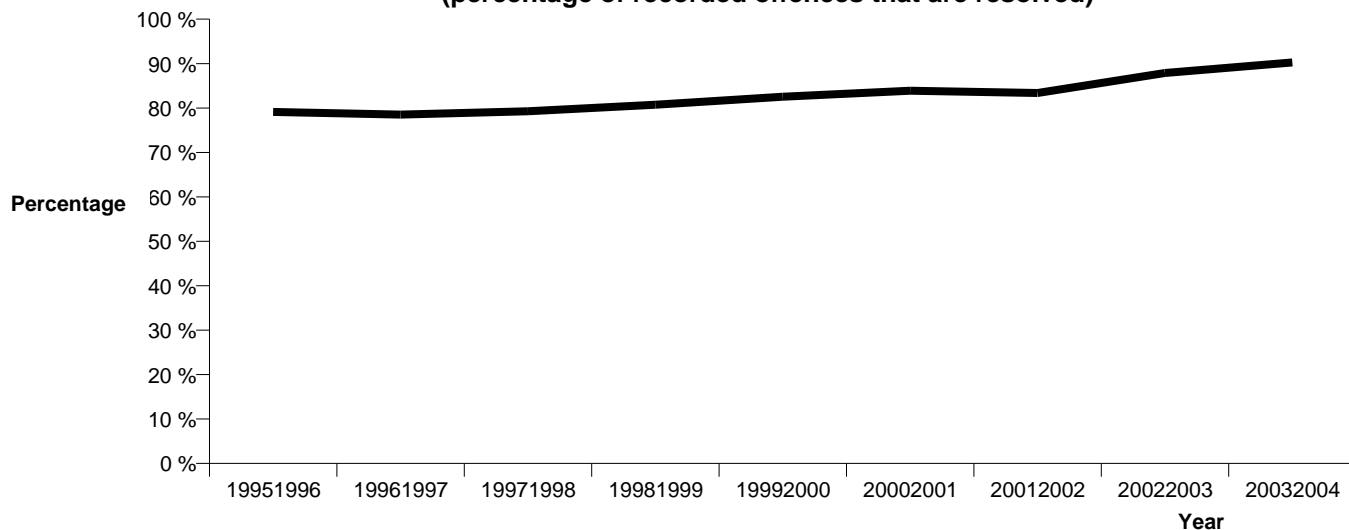
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19951996	3,969	-	112.6	-	3,140	79.1 %	-
19961997	4,111	3.6 %	117.0	3.9 %	3,228	78.5 %	-0.6 %
19971998	3,814	-7.2 %	108.9	-7.0 %	3,023	79.3 %	0.7 %
19981999	3,850	0.9 %	110.6	1.6 %	3,108	80.7 %	1.5 %
19992000	3,564	-7.4 %	103.0	-6.8 %	2,942	82.5 %	1.8 %
20002001	3,834	7.6 %	111.4	8.1 %	3,217	83.9 %	1.4 %
20012002	3,706	-3.3 %	108.9	-2.2 %	3,090	83.4 %	-0.5 %
20022003	3,934	6.2 %	115.4	5.9 %	3,457	87.9 %	4.5 %
20032004	3,722	-5.4 %	108.8	-5.7 %	3,359	90.2 %	2.4 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)

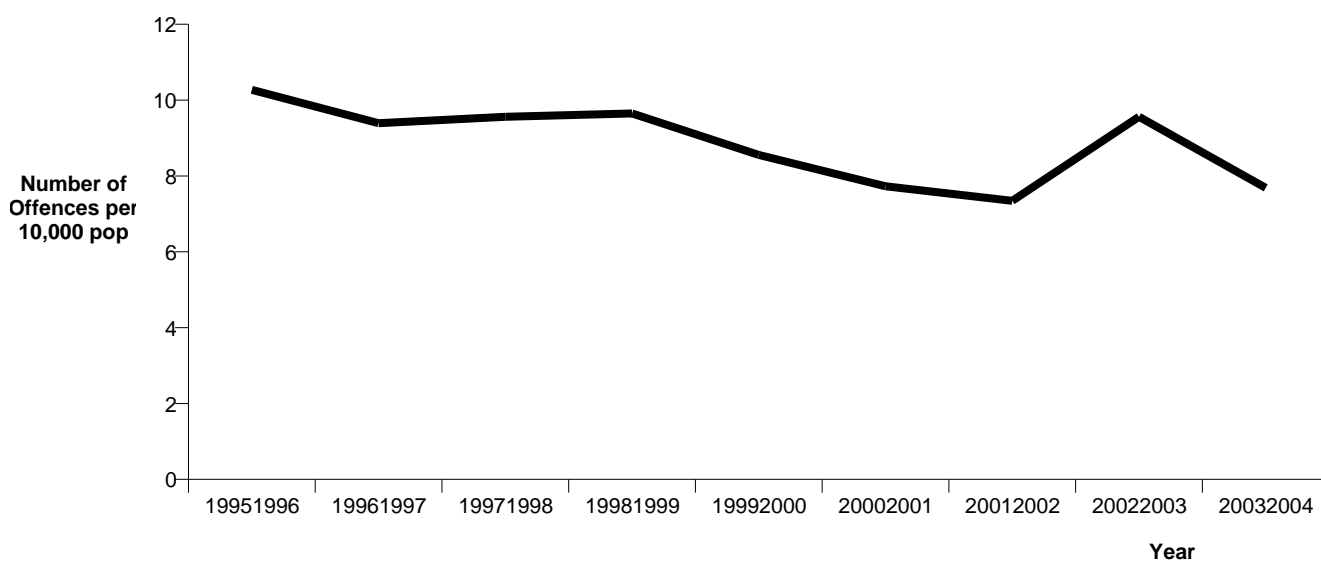


**RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION AND RESOLUTION RATES,
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Years ending 30 June**

SEXUAL OFFENCES

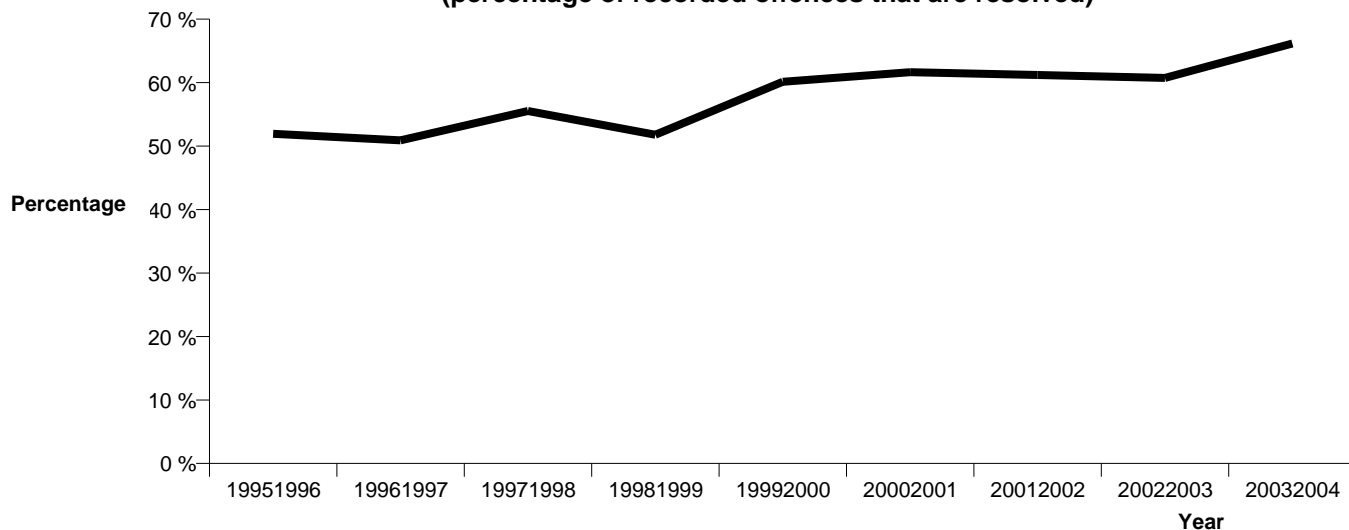
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1995/1996	362	-	10.3	-	188	51.9 %	-
1996/1997	330	-8.8 %	9.4	-8.6 %	168	50.9 %	-1.0 %
1997/1998	335	1.5 %	9.6	1.8 %	186	55.5 %	4.6 %
1998/1999	336	0.3 %	9.6	0.9 %	174	51.8 %	-3.7 %
1999/2000	296	-11.9 %	8.6	-11.3 %	178	60.1 %	8.3 %
2000/2001	266	-10.1 %	7.7	-9.7 %	164	61.7 %	1.5 %
2001/2002	250	-6.0 %	7.3	-5.0 %	153	61.2 %	-0.5 %
2002/2003	326	30.4 %	9.6	30.1 %	198	60.7 %	-0.5 %
2003/2004	263	-19.3 %	7.7	-19.6 %	174	66.2 %	5.4 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)

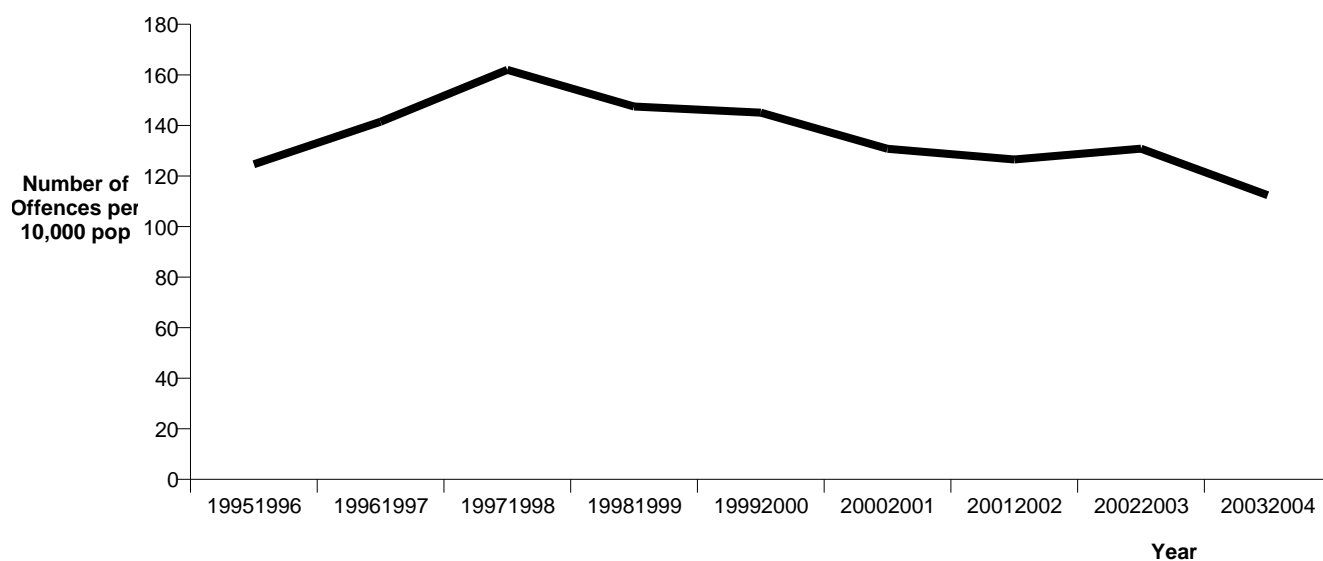


**RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION AND RESOLUTION RATES,
BY CATEGORY
Years ending 30 June**

DRUGS AND ANTI SOCIAL OFFENCES

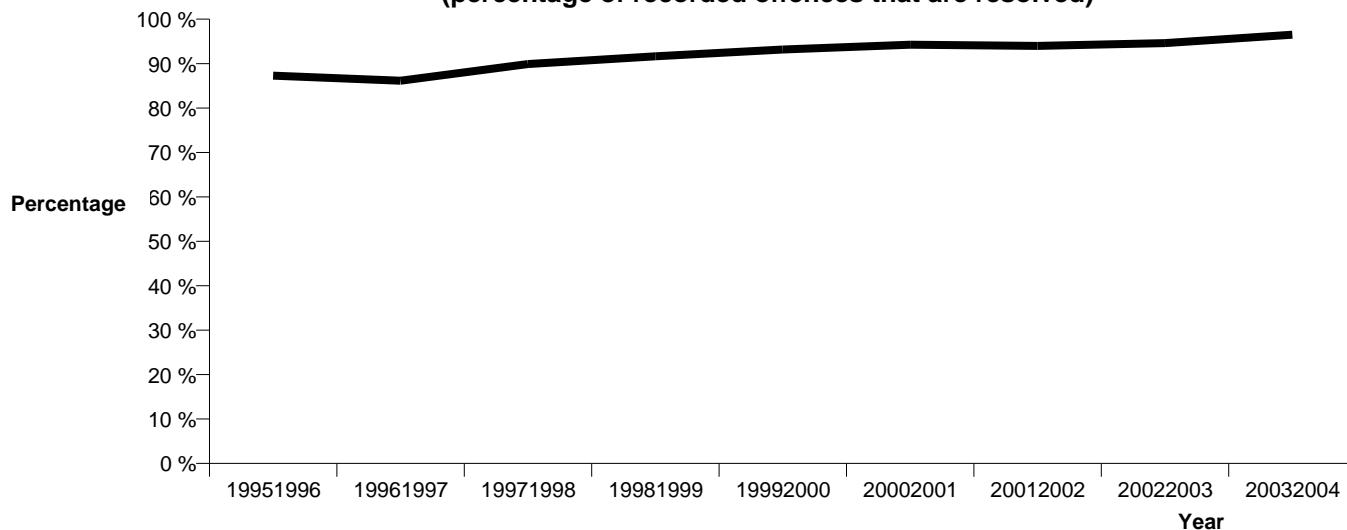
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19951996	4,392	-	124.6	-	3,834	87.3 %	-
19961997	4,970	13.2 %	141.4	13.5 %	4,281	86.1 %	-1.2 %
19971998	5,675	14.2 %	162.0	14.5 %	5,102	89.9 %	3.8 %
19981999	5,136	-9.5 %	147.5	-8.9 %	4,707	91.6 %	1.7 %
19992000	5,018	-2.3 %	145.1	-1.7 %	4,675	93.2 %	1.5 %
20002001	4,499	-10.3 %	130.7	-9.9 %	4,240	94.2 %	1.1 %
20012002	4,306	-4.3 %	126.5	-3.2 %	4,047	94.0 %	-0.3 %
20022003	4,460	3.6 %	130.8	3.4 %	4,219	94.6 %	0.6 %
20032004	3,845	-13.8 %	112.4	-14.1 %	3,710	96.5 %	1.9 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)

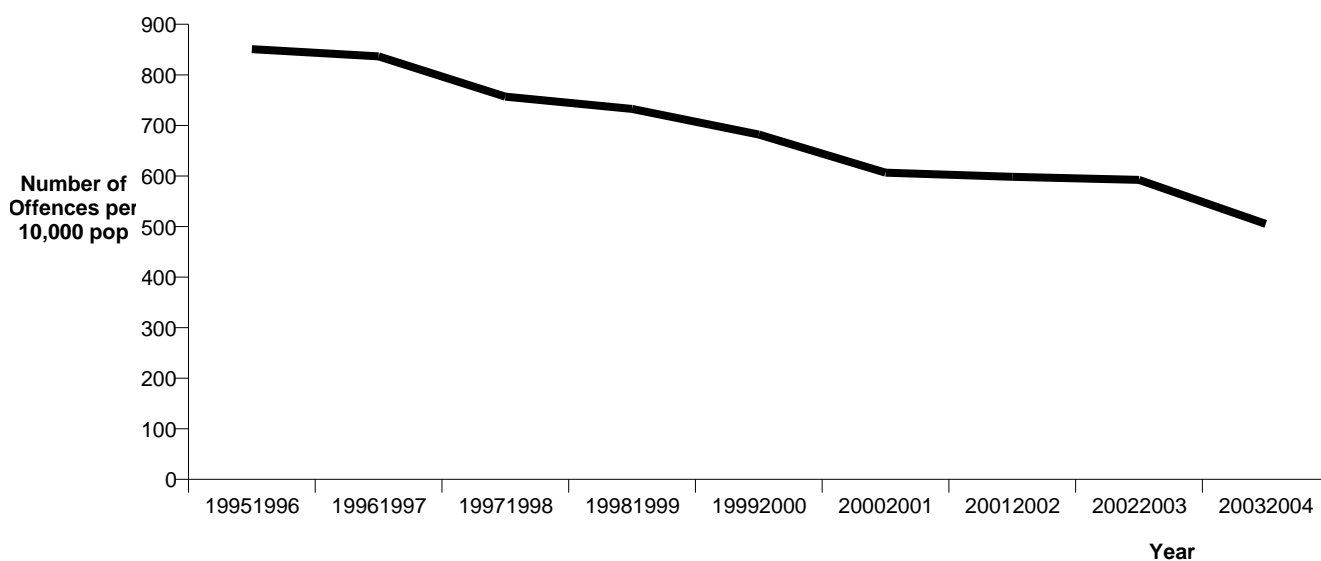


**RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION AND RESOLUTION RATES,
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Years ending 30 June**

DISHONESTY

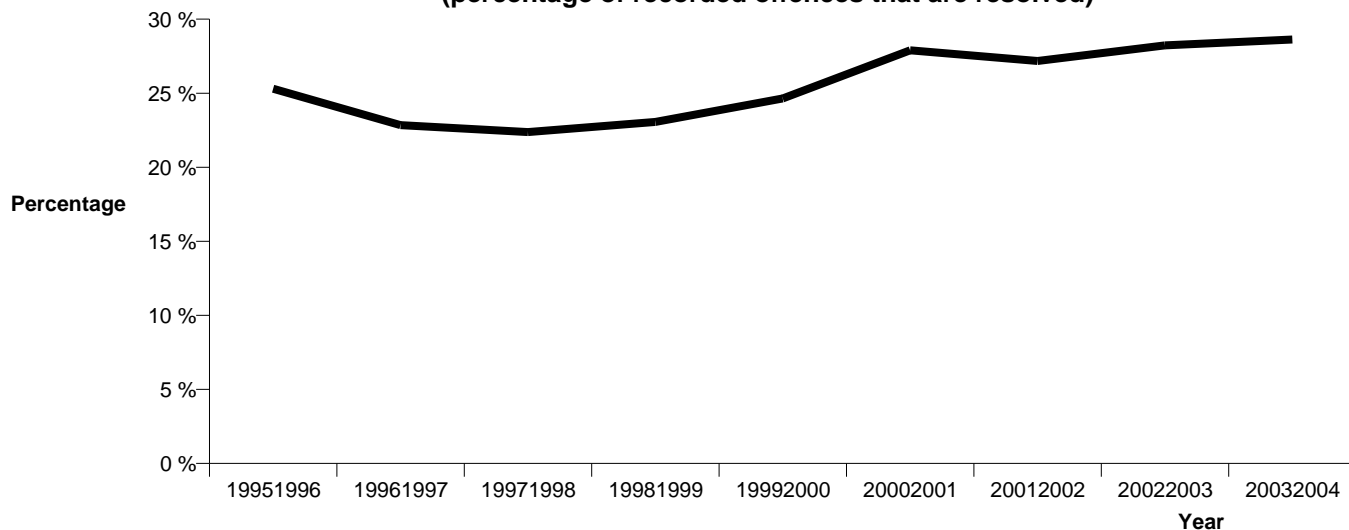
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19951996	29,977	-	850.7	-	7,584	25.3 %	-
19961997	29,394	-1.9 %	836.6	-1.7 %	6,714	22.8 %	-2.5 %
19971998	26,520	-9.8 %	756.9	-9.5 %	5,934	22.4 %	-0.5 %
19981999	25,508	-3.8 %	732.6	-3.2 %	5,882	23.1 %	0.7 %
19992000	23,596	-7.5 %	682.1	-6.9 %	5,815	24.6 %	1.6 %
20002001	20,870	-11.6 %	606.4	-11.1 %	5,823	27.9 %	3.3 %
20012002	20,364	-2.4 %	598.4	-1.3 %	5,534	27.2 %	-0.7 %
20022003	20,198	-0.8 %	592.3	-1.0 %	5,702	28.2 %	1.1 %
20032004	17,289	-14.4 %	505.3	-14.7 %	4,949	28.6 %	0.4 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)

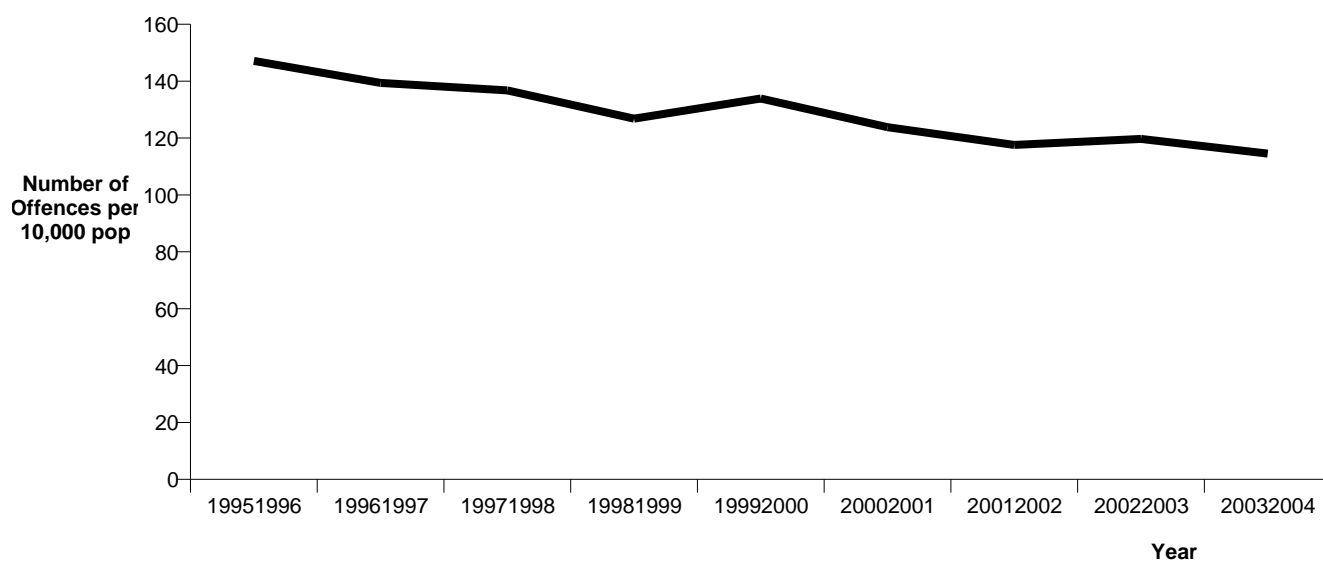


**RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION AND RESOLUTION RATES,
BY CATEGORY
Years ending 30 June**

PROPERTY DAMAGE

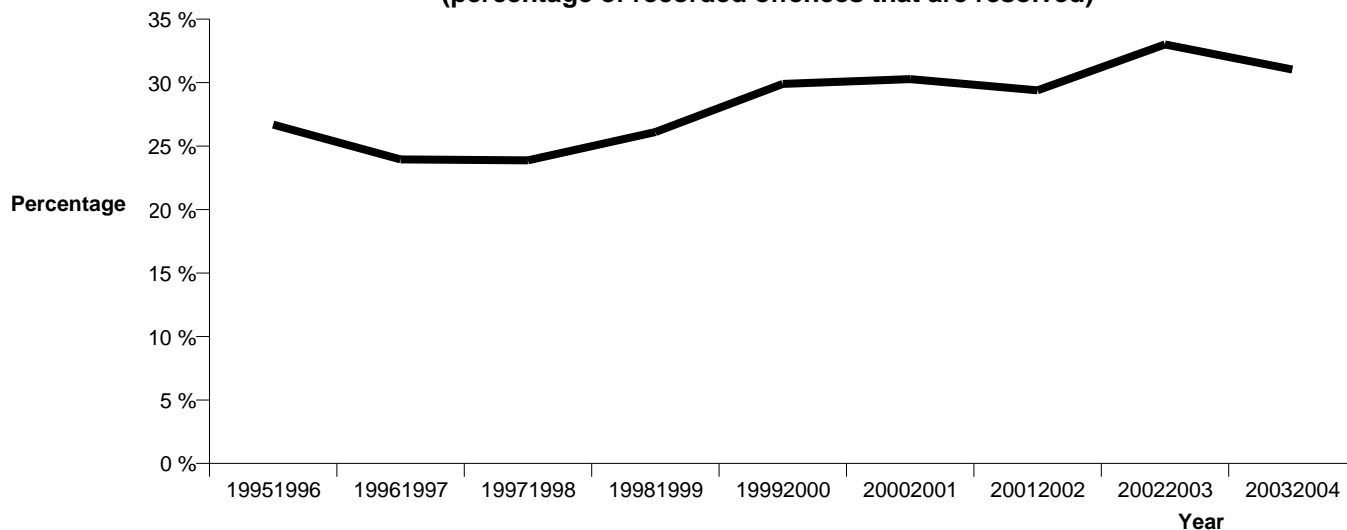
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19951996	5,184	-	147.1	-	1,384	26.7 %	-
19961997	4,897	-5.5 %	139.4	-5.3 %	1,173	24.0 %	-2.7 %
19971998	4,791	-2.2 %	136.7	-1.9 %	1,144	23.9 %	-0.1 %
19981999	4,416	-7.8 %	126.8	-7.3 %	1,153	26.1 %	2.2 %
19992000	4,633	4.9 %	133.9	5.6 %	1,385	29.9 %	3.8 %
20002001	4,261	-8.0 %	123.8	-7.5 %	1,290	30.3 %	0.4 %
20012002	4,001	-6.1 %	117.6	-5.0 %	1,176	29.4 %	-0.9 %
20022003	4,081	2.0 %	119.7	1.8 %	1,347	33.0 %	3.6 %
20032004	3,919	-4.0 %	114.5	-4.3 %	1,216	31.0 %	-2.0 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)

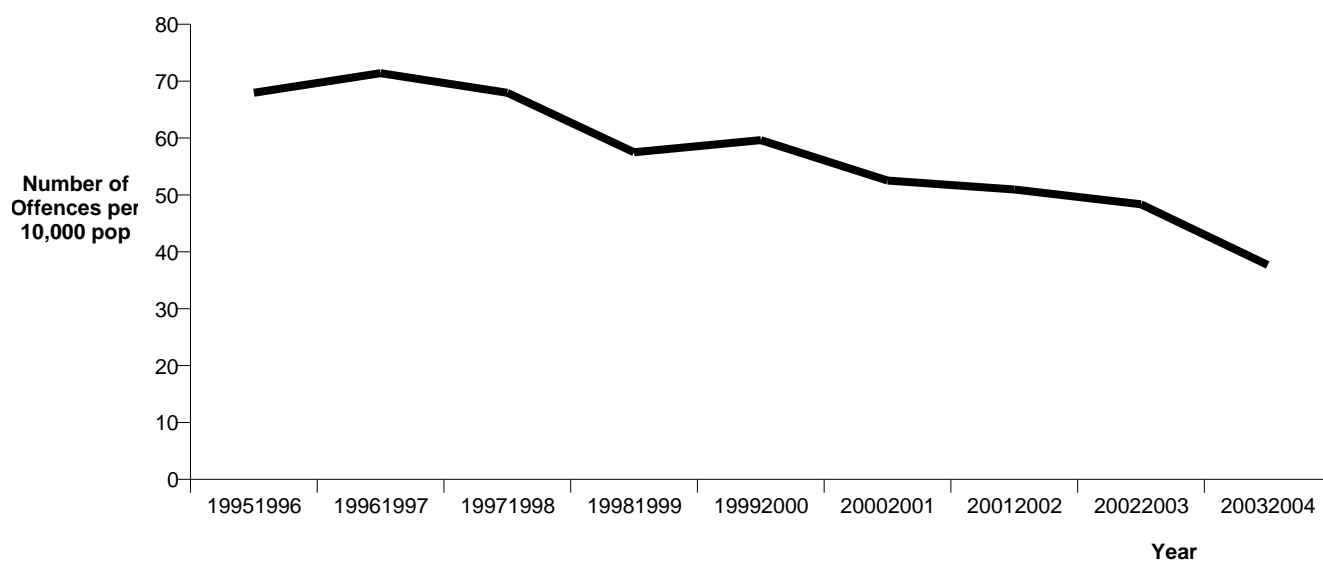


**RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION AND RESOLUTION RATES,
BY CATEGORY
Years ending 30 June**

PROPERTY ABUSES

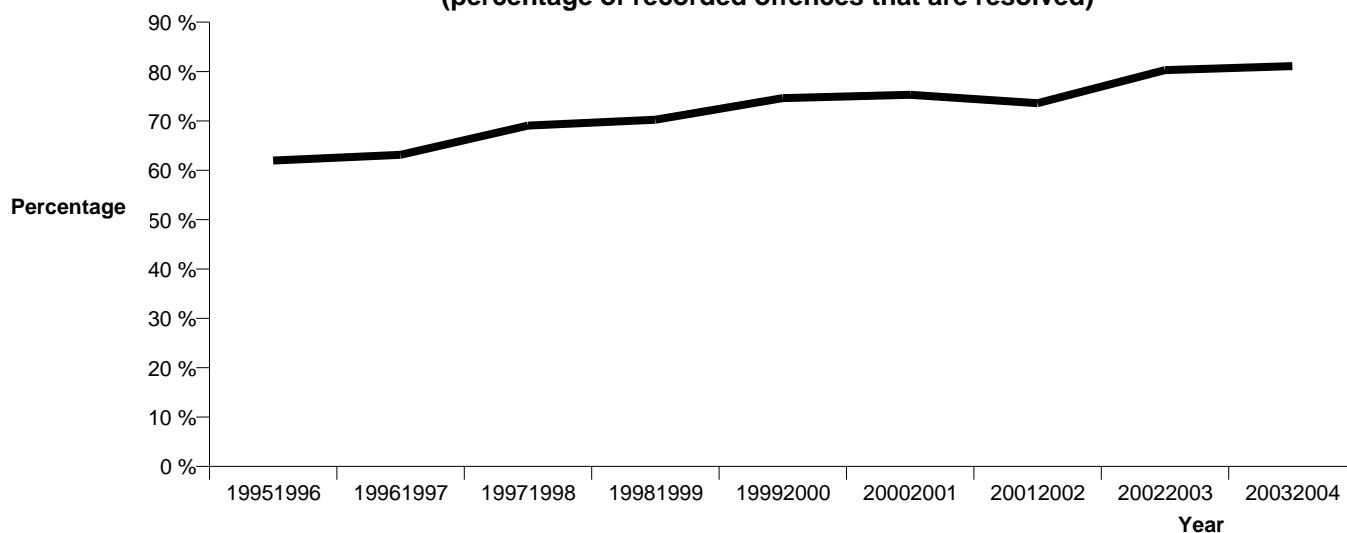
FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL RECORDED OFFENCES	VARIATION	RECORDED OFFENCES PER 10,000 POPULATION	VARIATION PER 10,000 POPULATION	TOTAL RESOLVED OFFENCES	RESOLUTION RATE	VARIATION
19951996	2,395	-	68.0	-	1,484	62.0 %	-
19961997	2,509	4.8 %	71.4	5.1 %	1,584	63.1 %	1.2 %
19971998	2,381	-5.1 %	68.0	-4.8 %	1,644	69.0 %	5.9 %
19981999	2,002	-15.9 %	57.5	-15.4 %	1,406	70.2 %	1.2 %
19992000	2,063	3.0 %	59.6	3.7 %	1,539	74.6 %	4.4 %
20002001	1,808	-12.4 %	52.5	-11.9 %	1,361	75.3 %	0.7 %
20012002	1,734	-4.1 %	51.0	-3.0 %	1,276	73.6 %	-1.7 %
20022003	1,649	-4.9 %	48.4	-5.1 %	1,324	80.3 %	6.7 %
20032004	1,290	-21.8 %	37.7	-22.0 %	1,046	81.1 %	0.8 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)

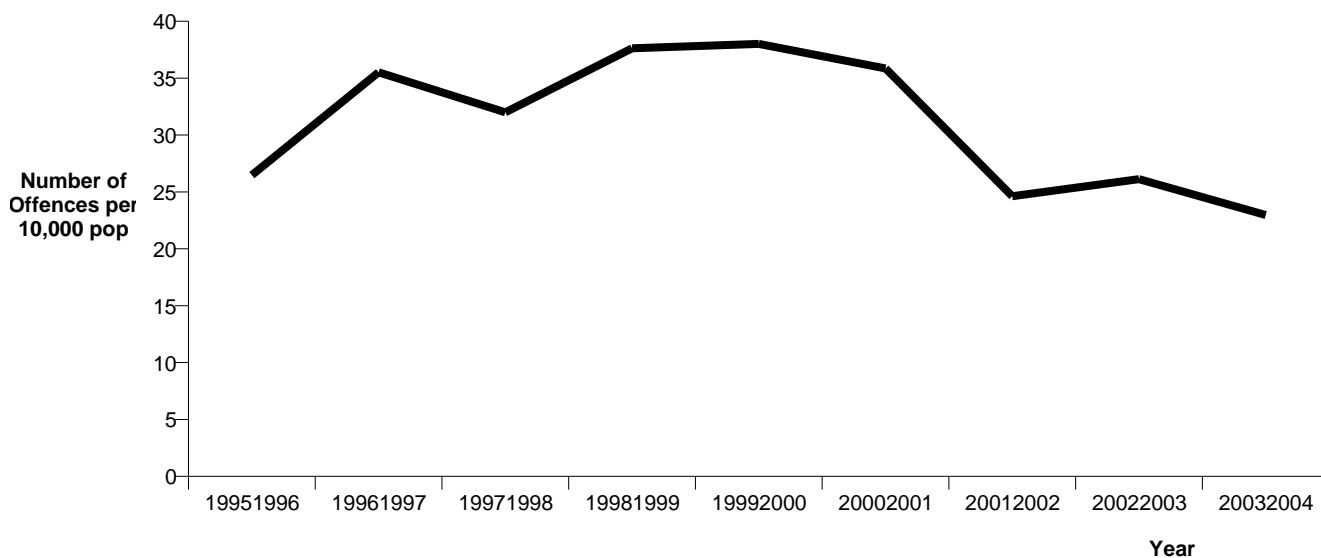


**RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION AND RESOLUTION RATES,
BY CATEGORY
Years ending 30 June**

ADMINISTRATIVE

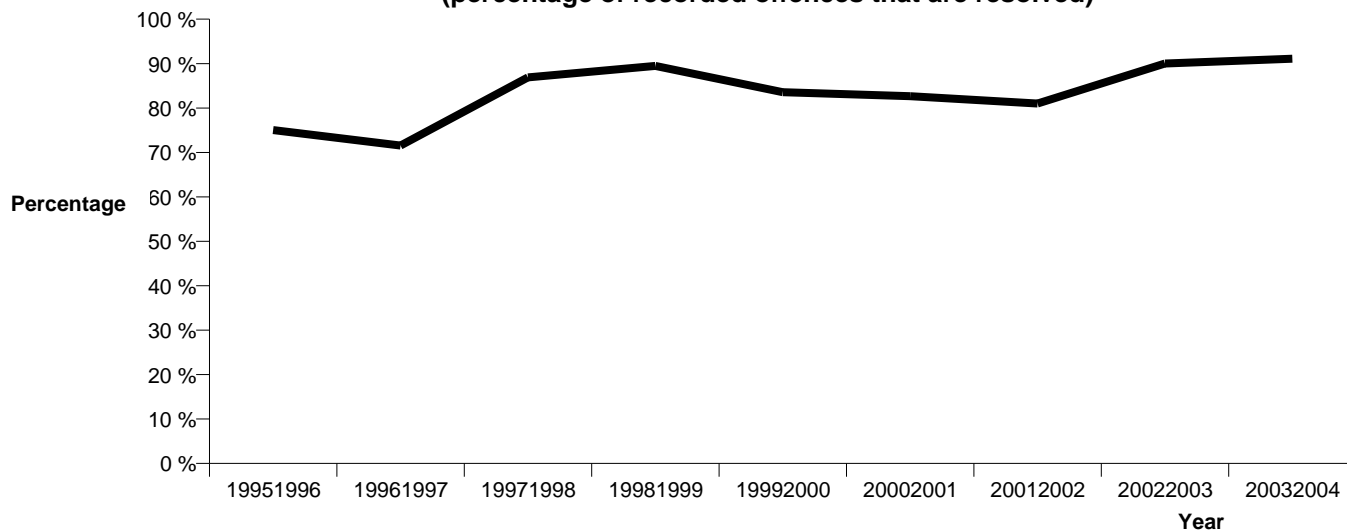
FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL RECORDED OFFENCES	VARIATION	RECORDED OFFENCES PER 10,000 POPULATION	VARIATION PER 10,000 POPULATION	TOTAL RESOLVED OFFENCES	RESOLUTION RATE	VARIATION
19951996	933	-	26.5	-	700	75.0 %	-
19961997	1,248	33.8 %	35.5	34.1 %	893	71.6 %	-3.5 %
19971998	1,121	-10.2 %	32.0	-9.9 %	974	86.9 %	15.3 %
19981999	1,310	16.9 %	37.6	17.6 %	1,172	89.5 %	2.6 %
19992000	1,315	0.4 %	38.0	1.0 %	1,099	83.6 %	-5.9 %
20002001	1,234	-6.2 %	35.9	-5.7 %	1,020	82.7 %	-0.9 %
20012002	838	-32.1 %	24.6	-31.3 %	679	81.0 %	-1.6 %
20022003	891	6.3 %	26.1	6.1 %	802	90.0 %	9.0 %
20032004	786	-11.8 %	23.0	-12.1 %	716	91.1 %	1.1 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)

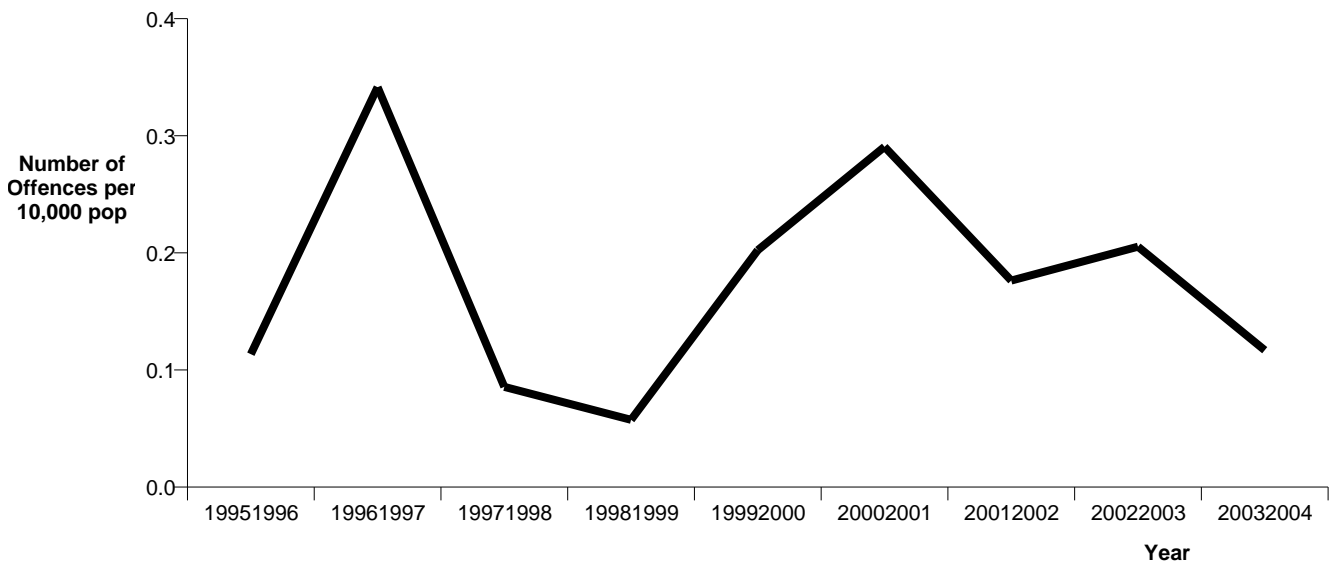


**RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION AND RESOLUTION RATES, FOR
SELECTED OFFENCE TYPE
Years ending 30 June**

MURDER *

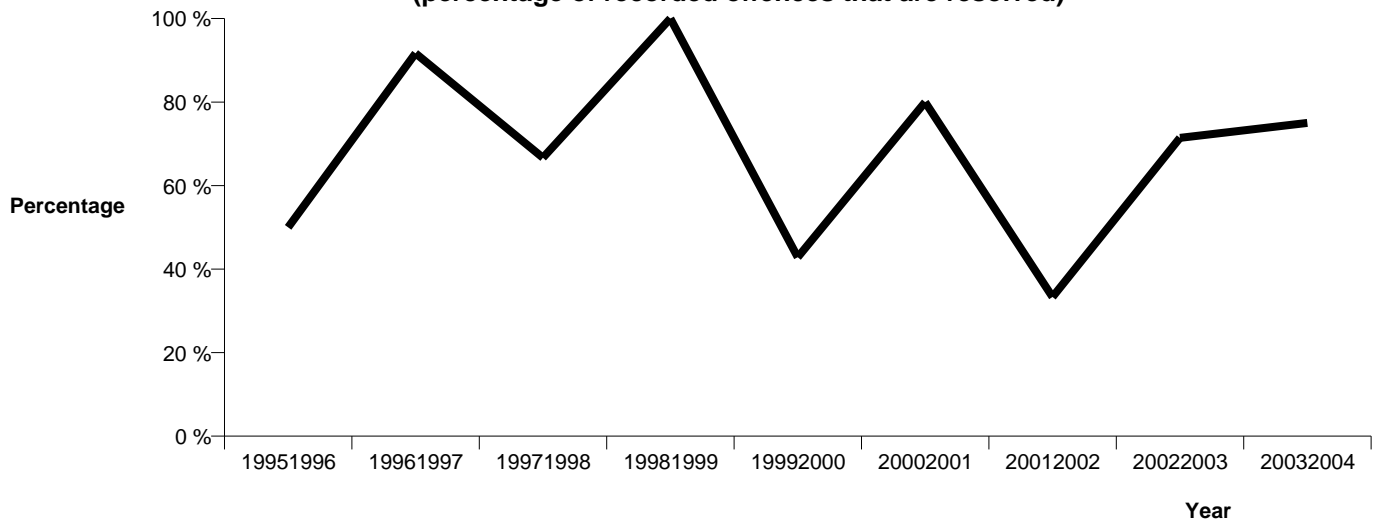
FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL RECORDED OFFENCES	VARIATION	RECORDED OFFENCES PER 10,000 POPULATION	VARIATION PER 10,000 POPULATION	TOTAL RESOLVED OFFENCES	RESOLUTION RATE	VARIATION
19951996	4	-	0.1	-	2	50.0 %	-
19961997	12	200.0 %	0.3	200.9 %	11	91.7 %	41.7 %
19971998	3	-75.0 %	0.1	-74.9 %	2	66.7 %	-25.0 %
19981999	2	-33.3 %	0.1	-32.9 %	2	100.0 %	33.3 %
19992000	7	250.0 %	0.2	252.3 %	3	42.9 %	-57.1 %
20002001	10	42.9 %	0.3	43.6 %	8	80.0 %	37.1 %
20012002	6	-40.0 %	0.2	-39.3 %	2	33.3 %	-46.7 %
20022003	7	16.7 %	0.2	16.4 %	5	71.4 %	38.1 %
20032004	4	-42.9 %	0.1	-43.1 %	3	75.0 %	3.6 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)



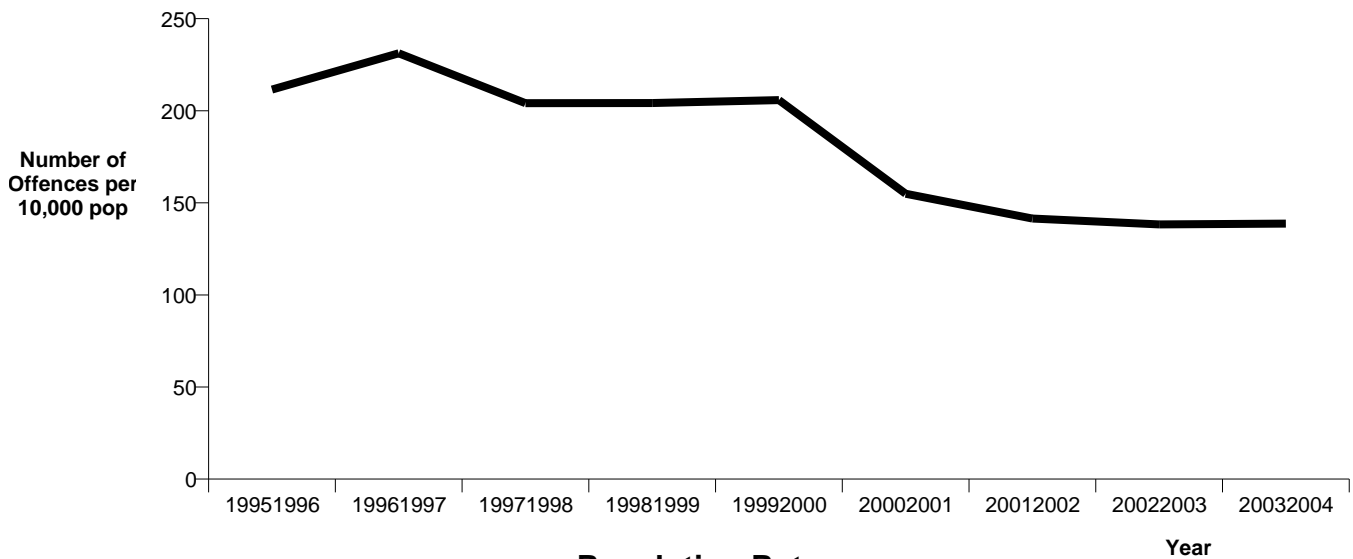
* Note that 'Murder' is a sub-class of the Police offence class 'Homicide' as used in pages 2-22

**RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION AND RESOLUTION RATES, FOR
SELECTED OFFENCE CLASS
Years ending 30 June**

BURGLARY

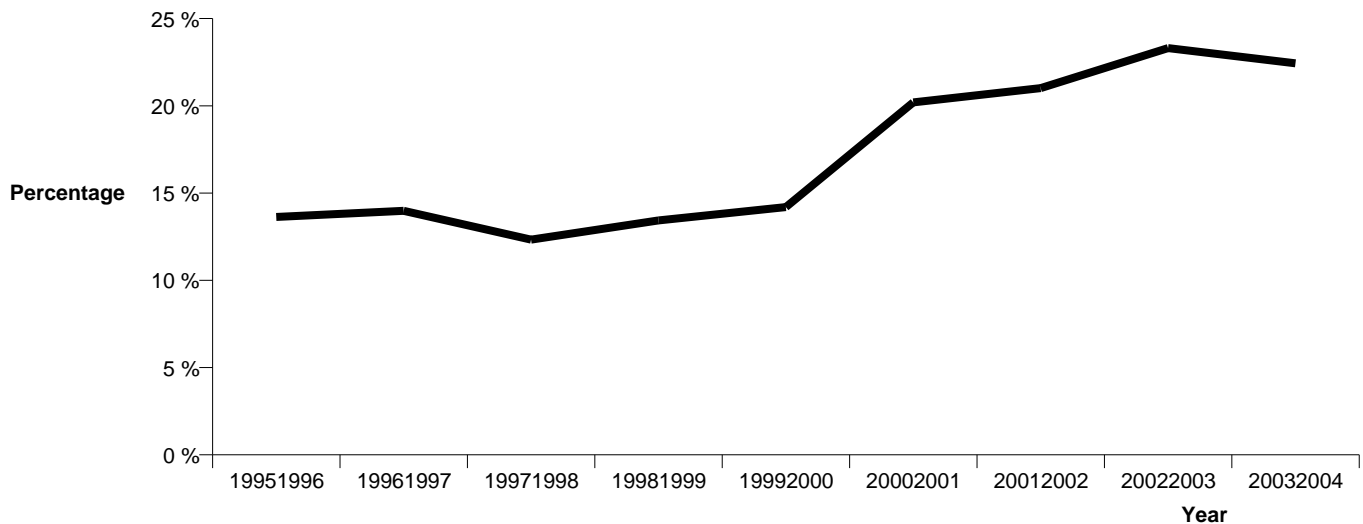
FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL RECORDED OFFENCES	VARIATION	RECORDED OFFENCES PER 10,000 POPULATION	VARIATION PER 10,000 POPULATION	TOTAL RESOLVED OFFENCES	RESOLUTION RATE	VARIATION
19951996	7,452	-	211.5	-	1,016	13.6 %	-
19961997	8,123	9.0 %	231.2	9.3 %	1,136	14.0 %	0.4 %
19971998	7,151	-12.0 %	204.1	-11.7 %	882	12.3 %	-1.7 %
19981999	7,110	-0.6 %	204.2	0.0 %	955	13.4 %	1.1 %
19992000	7,120	0.1 %	205.8	0.8 %	1,011	14.2 %	0.8 %
20002001	5,333	-25.1 %	155.0	-24.7 %	1,077	20.2 %	6.0 %
20012002	4,815	-9.7 %	141.5	-8.7 %	1,012	21.0 %	0.8 %
20022003	4,715	-2.1 %	138.3	-2.3 %	1,099	23.3 %	2.3 %
20032004	4,747	0.7 %	138.7	0.3 %	1,065	22.4 %	-0.9 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)



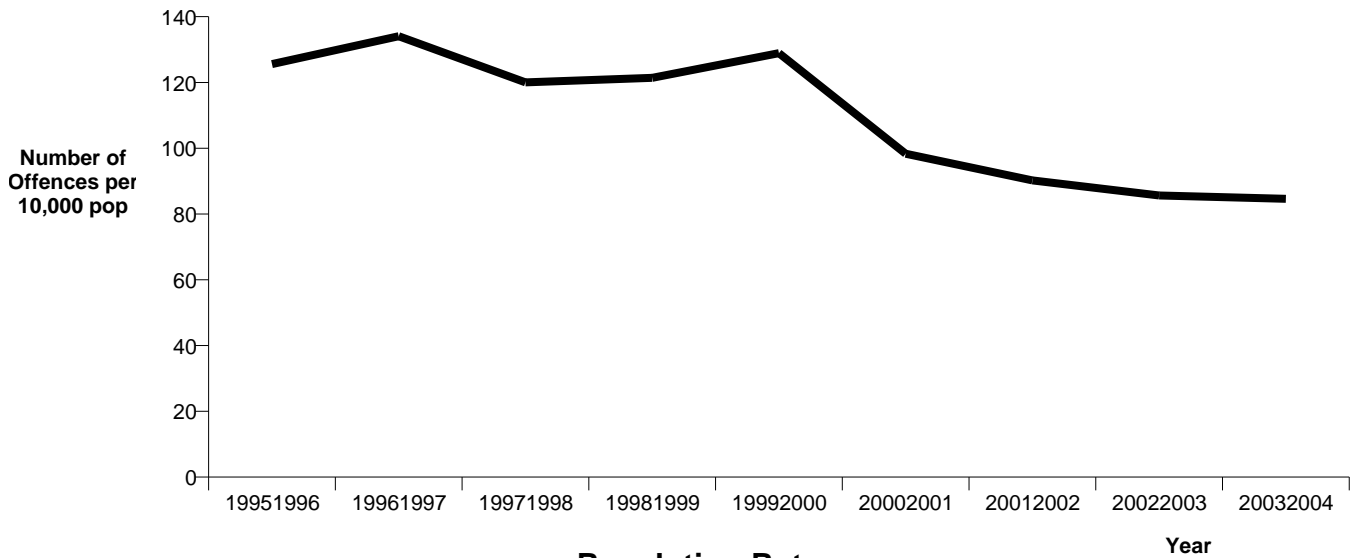
**RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION AND RESOLUTION RATES, FOR
SELECTED OFFENCE CLASS**

Years ending 30 June

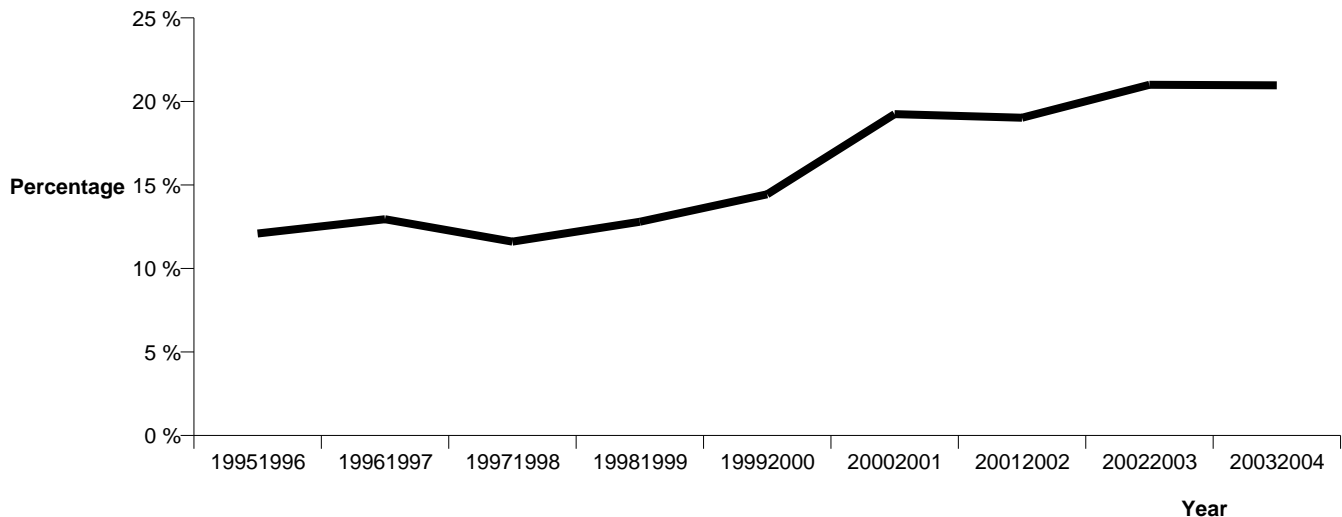
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FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL RECORDED OFFENCES	VARIATION	RECORDED OFFENCES PER 10,000 POPULATION	VARIATION PER 10,000 POPULATION	TOTAL RESOLVED OFFENCES	RESOLUTION RATE	VARIATION
19951996	4,425	-	125.6	-	535	12.1 %	-
19961997	4,711	6.5 %	134.1	6.8 %	610	12.9 %	0.9 %
19971998	4,205	-10.7 %	120.0	-10.5 %	488	11.6 %	-1.3 %
19981999	4,228	0.5 %	121.4	1.2 %	541	12.8 %	1.2 %
19992000	4,460	5.5 %	128.9	6.2 %	644	14.4 %	1.6 %
20002001	3,384	-24.1 %	98.3	-23.7 %	651	19.2 %	4.8 %
20012002	3,070	-9.3 %	90.2	-8.3 %	584	19.0 %	-0.2 %
20022003	2,920	-4.9 %	85.6	-5.1 %	613	21.0 %	2.0 %
20032004	2,895	-0.9 %	84.6	-1.2 %	607	21.0 %	-0.0 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



**Resolution Rate
(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)**

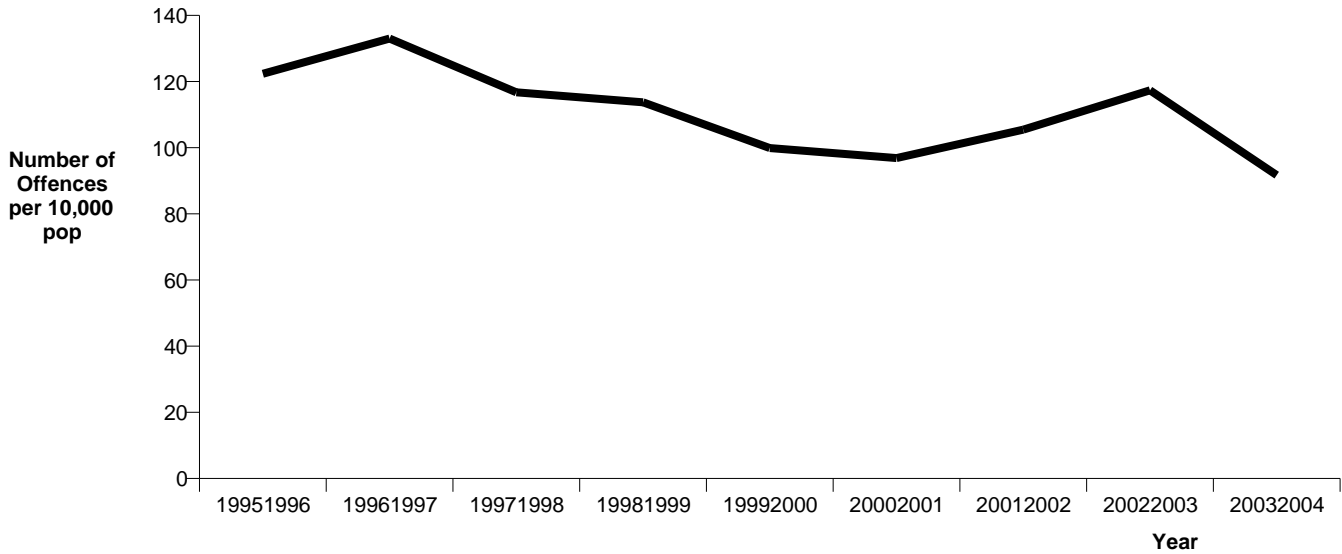


**RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION AND RESOLUTION RATES, FOR
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Years ending 30 June**

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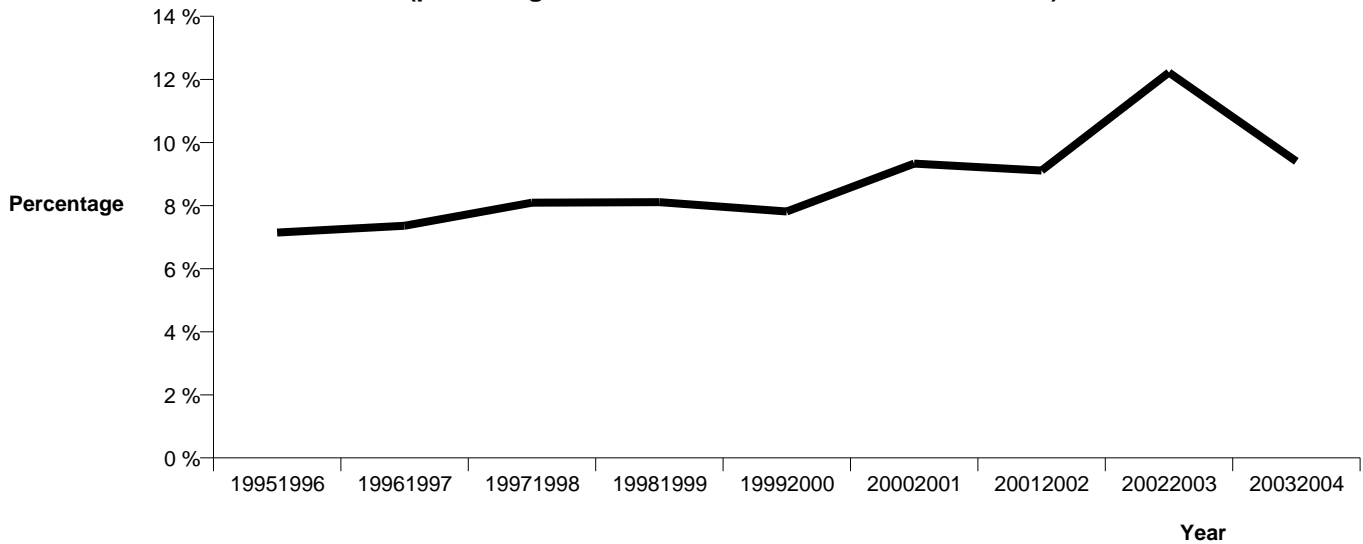
FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL RECORDED OFFENCES	VARIATION	RECORDED OFFENCES PER 10,000 POPULATION	VARIATION PER 10,000 POPULATION	TOTAL RESOLVED OFFENCES	RESOLUTION RATE	VARIATION
19951996	4,312	-	122.4	-	308	7.1 %	-
19961997	4,674	8.4 %	133.0	8.7 %	344	7.4 %	0.2 %
19971998	4,090	-12.5 %	116.7	-12.2 %	331	8.1 %	0.7 %
19981999	3,960	-3.2 %	113.7	-2.6 %	321	8.1 %	0.0 %
19992000	3,456	-12.7 %	99.9	-12.2 %	270	7.8 %	-0.3 %
20002001	3,334	-3.5 %	96.9	-3.0 %	311	9.3 %	1.5 %
20012002	3,589	7.6 %	105.5	8.9 %	327	9.1 %	-0.2 %
20022003	4,002	11.5 %	117.4	11.3 %	489	12.2 %	3.1 %
20032004	3,138	-21.6 %	91.7	-21.9 %	295	9.4 %	-2.8 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)

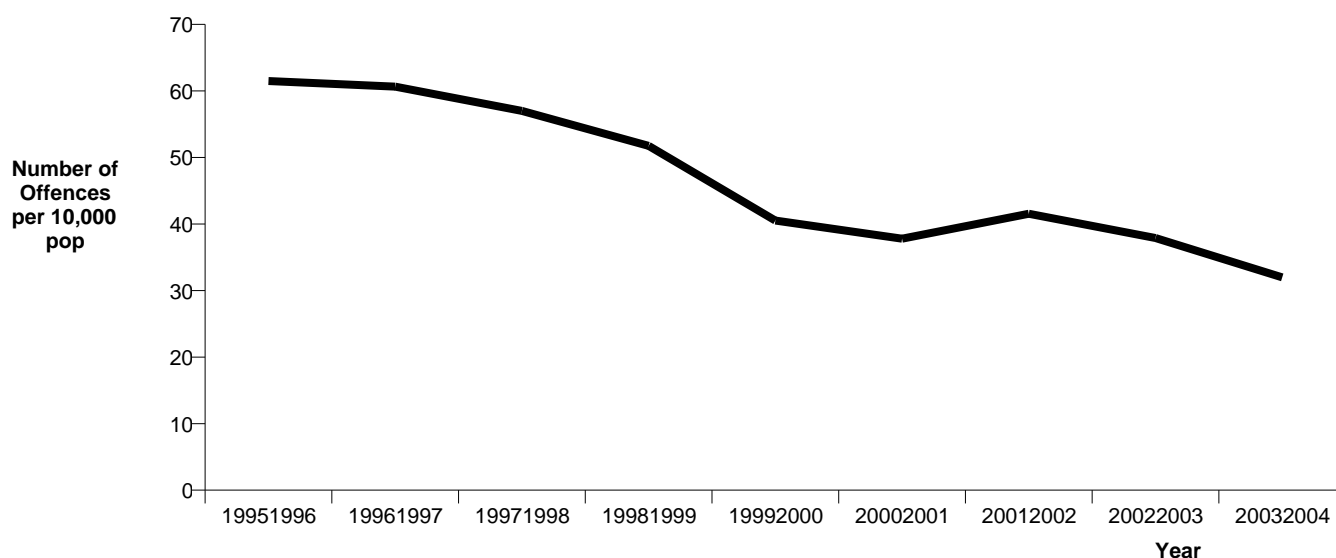


**RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION AND RESOLUTION RATES, FOR
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Years ending 30 June**

CAR THEFT & UNLAWFUL TAKING/CONVERSION OF MOTOR VEHICLES *

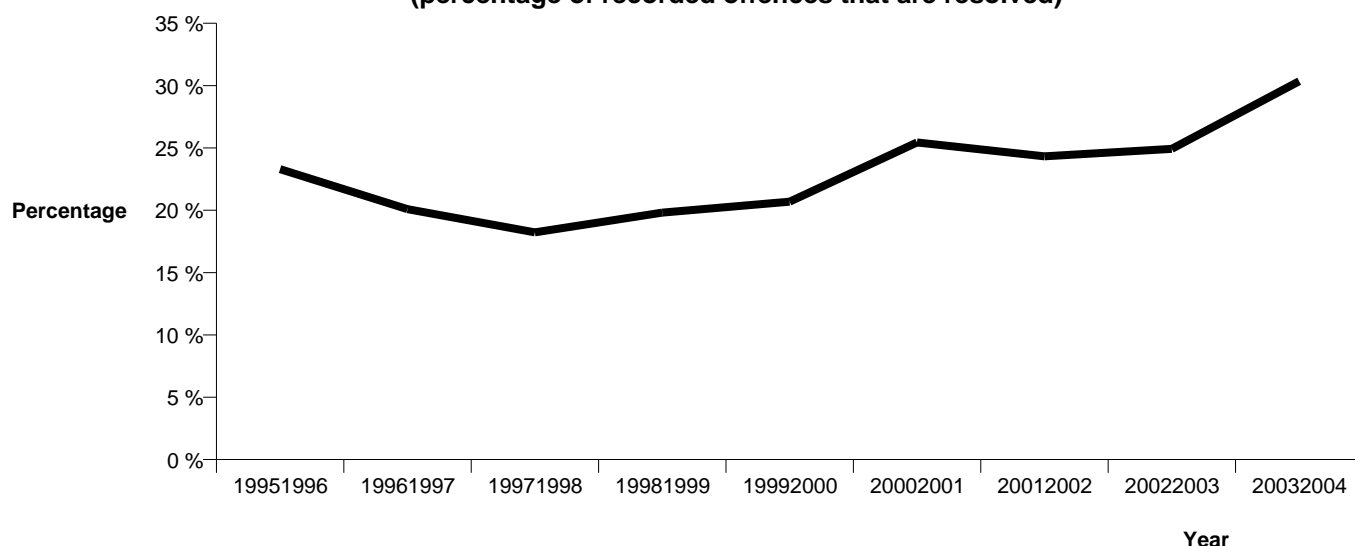
FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL RECORDED OFFENCES	VARIATION	RECORDED OFFENCES PER 10,000 POPULATION	VARIATION PER 10,000 POPULATION	TOTAL RESOLVED OFFENCES	RESOLUTION RATE	VARIATION
19951996	2,167	-	61.5	-	505	23.3 %	-
19961997	2,131	-1.7 %	60.6	-1.4 %	428	20.1 %	-3.2 %
19971998	1,997	-6.3 %	57.0	-6.0 %	364	18.2 %	-1.9 %
19981999	1,802	-9.8 %	51.8	-9.2 %	357	19.8 %	1.6 %
19992000	1,402	-22.2 %	40.5	-21.7 %	290	20.7 %	0.9 %
20002001	1,301	-7.2 %	37.8	-6.7 %	331	25.4 %	4.8 %
20012002	1,414	8.7 %	41.6	9.9 %	344	24.3 %	-1.1 %
20022003	1,292	-8.6 %	37.9	-8.8 %	322	24.9 %	0.6 %
20032004	1,094	-15.3 %	32.0	-15.6 %	332	30.3 %	5.4 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)



* Note that Figures presented on this page refer to a broader definition of offences than was included in previous years. Previously only offences against section 226 of the Crimes Act 1961 were included. This year theft of motor vehicle under section 223 of the Crimes Act 1961 have also been included.

Population Data

Population data is used in this release to calculate crime rates. These data are estimated population figures as at 31 December each year. They have been derived from population estimates as at 30 June each year that have been obtained from Statistics New Zealand.

The estimated resident population is based on the census usually resident population count, with adjustments for residents missed or counted more than once by the census (net census undercount), and for residents temporarily overseas on census night.

These population estimates exclude the number of international students who are studying in New Zealand for less than 12 months.

Year	Population estimate as at 30 June
19951996	352,375
19961997	351,365
19971998	350,355
19981999	348,205
19992000	345,940
20002001	344,140
20012002	340,290
20022003	340,990
20032004	342,160